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**BY COURIER**

The Commissioner of Patents,  
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,  
2011 South Clark Place,  
Crystal Plaza 2, Room 1B03  
Arlington, Virginia. 22202  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

**Re: United States Patent Application  
of Kenneth Stephen Albert and Paul José Maes  
for CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC FORMULATIONS OF DILTIAZEM AND THE  
ADMINISTRATION THEREOF**

Enclosed herewith please find the following documentation for filing with the Commissioner:

- (a) Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition,
- (b) Abstract in duplicate,
- (c) Disclosure,
- (d) Claims in duplicate,
- (e) Informal Drawings,
- (f) Data Entry Form.

Enclosed along with this material please find a cheque in the amount of **\$1,956.00 U.S. dollars** which includes \$760.00 for the base filing fee of a large entity, \$936.00 for (52) claims over and above the twenty claims allowed per application and \$260.00 for multiple dependent claims. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed for filing this Application, please obtain any such deficiency or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicants' Agent.

Also enclosed herewith is a stamped, self-addressed verification card which we request that you kindly acknowledge and return to this office at the earliest

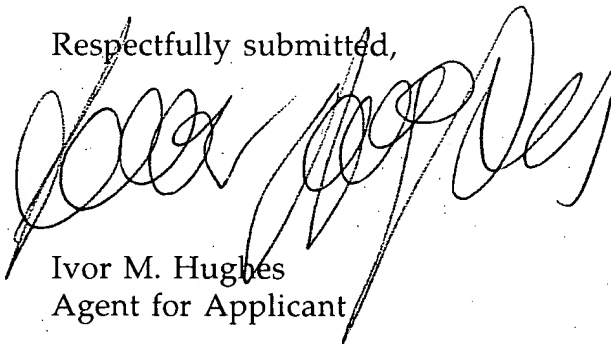
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opportunity. We thank the Commissioner for his cooperation in this regard and look forward to receiving filing data in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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